

## AT THE CAPITOL.

**CLOTURE IN THE SENATE BEING VIOLENTLY RESISTED.**

Mr. Aldrich Endeavors to Have a Time Set for Taking a Vote, but is Met by an Objection From the Democrats—A Scene in the House—Speaker Reed and the Minority.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock to-day and a quorum being present, Mr. Stewart took the floor to speak against the cloture rule. He, however, yielded to Mr. Frye, on whose motion the Senate went into executive session. Twenty minutes thereafter the doors were reopened and Mr. Stewart proceeded with his argument.

He offered the amendment of which he had given notice on Thursday last. It contains three propositions:

1. To strike out of the proposed rule the words "and the question shall be pending on the amendments, if any then pending, and upon the measure in its successive stages, according to the rules of the Senate, but without debate," and to substitute the words, "and debate of pending amendments and such amendments may be offered while the measure is under consideration shall be limited as provided under rule 8."
2. To insert in the sentence providing that no motion shall be in order but a motion to adjourn or to take a recess, the words "to recede, with or without instructions, to lay on the table," etc.
3. A clause that pending proceedings under the proposed rule, "rule 17 shall be suspended."

Rule 8, referred to in the first proposition, provides that in the first proposition, after the morning hour, and Rule 7 that when an amendment proposed to any pending measure is not carried, the speaker shall not carry with it, or prejudice, such measure.

At the close of Mr. Stewart's speech, Mr. Saunders took the floor, but yielded to Mr. Aldrich, who asked unanimous consent, first to limit the debate to half an hour, then to extend the length of speeches to one hour each and then to have the vote taken on Monday next.

Mr. Faulkner responded that several Senators desired to speak, and that it would be impossible until they had all spoken to fix any time for taking the vote.

**HOUSE.**

Speaker Reed got another scoring from the Democrats in the House this afternoon. The Clerk and assistant, train passages in the journal, and Mr. Breckinridge of Arkansas raised the point that the whole of the journal should be read, and that no part should be omitted.

The Speaker said that the clerk had simply failed to read the petitions that were presented yesterday, and that that was always been the custom at the past four years during his service in the House.

Mr. Breckinridge insisted that the whole journal should be read.

While Mr. Breckinridge was talking the Speaker recognized Mr. Keckinridge.

Mr. Keckinridge claimed that he was entitled to the floor, and intimated that the Speaker was not to be trifled with.

"The Chair is never unjust," responded the Speaker.

This met with groans on the Democratic side.

Mr. Brand rising to his feet and shaking his fist at the Speaker shouted: "The Speaker is always unjust."

Major McKinley next took the floor and said that as it was a matter of privilege, he was purposely delaying the public business he would move for the previous question upon the approval of the journal.

The Chair quickly put the question and the roll-call was called. It was after the roll-call was called that the House went into executive session.

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**WAR TALK.**

Anecdotes by Colonel Blake, Congressman Morrill and Yoder.

General Venzey, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Colonel Blake, a former member of Congress, appeared before the House Committee on Pensions yesterday, as stated in The Critic, and made an argument in support of the passage of a service pension bill.

Senator Blue is an eloquent and impressive speaker. He is also an exceptionally handsome man, and he has a way with a frank, open face that is always wreathed in pleasant smiles.

The conclusion of Senator Blue's speech there was a general interchange of opinion in regard to pensions. Everybody on the Democratic side, and especially the Southern Democratic members, expressed themselves in favor of doing the square thing by the old soldiers.

"Yes, we should be doing the square thing by the old soldiers," said a member of the men who risked their lives that the country might live.

Chairman Morrill said: "I am always willing to make allowances for the old soldiers. Sometimes they write seeking letters to me because I can't accomplish the impossible, but I invariably reply good-naturedly."

"That reminds me of a story," said Senator Blue. "Immediately after the war a lot of veterans used to meet in my town about once a week to talk over old times, and they would be practically fought over again and finally the discussion would turn on the small talk of the town. A Southern member would be referred to as a mean, no-account fellow and would be given a general roasting. In the early part of the war, a battle-scarred veteran who would invariably ask: 'Was that man who has been talking about me a Democrat?' and the affirmative he would say 'Then he has a right to be mean.'"

Judge Yoder, of Ohio, a member, next chimed in with a story.

"Some days ago I received a letter from a man in Ohio, who asked me to hurry and have his pension bill passed. He wrote: 'If I am pensioned by this Congress, then I won't have any show to get a pension at the end of the war. He wrote: 'If I am pensioned by this Congress, then I won't have any show to get a pension at the end of the war.'"

The reply came from the Ohio man, saying: "It was all a mistake. I am just as good a Democrat as anybody. I am just as good a Democrat as anybody. I am just as good a Democrat as anybody."

**THE NEW ASSESSMENT BILL.**

Under the bill the Assessments Will Be Made

The Assessment bill agreed upon by the House District Committee yesterday was today reported to the House by Mr. Groun.

The accompanying report says that there has been and is now great complaint from property owners on account of the alleged unfair valuation of real estate for the purposes of taxation.

It is believed that existing inequalities will be obliterated by the appointment of a permanent board of assessors of a more responsible character than the present system of the present system are thought to be the result of appraisals by a temporary board composed of men not in all instances suitable for the work.

The bill says that the report has the approval of the Commissioners and in the judgment of the committee will be a decided improvement upon the present plan of assessment, and the passage of the amended bill is recommended.

The material amendments are as follows:

The first amendment is to be made in 1902, instead of 1901, and every three years thereafter. The members of the board of five assessorial assessors shall be bound to

## CRAZED BY RELIGION.

**A Man Murders His Wife in an Insane Fit.**

Princeton, Pa., Jan. 24.—William Finkle, a farmer living just outside of the village of Laurel, seven miles from here, in this county, killed his wife yesterday afternoon. He was seized with sudden insanity.

**SOCIETY FRAUDS.**

**Hollowness and Insincerity of Modern Fashionable Life.**

The falling away from the ancient and honored traditions of hospitality is one of the most portentous signs of the hollowness and insincerity of our modern life. It would seem as though in our social relations to one another we were daily sinking deeper and deeper into the slough of selfishness and hypocrisy. We would have us fallen away from grace, says Vanity Fair, since Brilla-Savarin told us that when we received a friend under our roof we made ourselves, for the time being, our guest, responsible not only for his physical well-being, but also for his happiness. Who cares nowadays whether his guest is happy or not? Where is the hostess who will take the trouble to figure him a pleasant evening?

Today, when we invite one to our house, it is with the distinct idea of getting something out of him; a case simply of the sale and purchase of wares.

"It is not much to say that very few, if any, are now able to tell what has been or is being published by the Government, and that no one can ascertain without much difficulty whether upon any particular report, or other treatise has been issued by Congress or by the Executive."

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**REPORT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS.**

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## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

**New York, Jan. 24.—Money closed easy at 2 per cent, the only rate of the day.**

Exchange steady; posted rates, 480/488; actual, 484 for sixty days and 490 for demand.

Government bonds steady; currency, 90, 100 bid; 45, coupon, 120 bid; 45, do, 103 bid.

Pacific Railroad bonds closed as follows: Union Pacific, 113 1/2 bid, do, sinking fund, 113 1/2 bid, do, 112 1/2 bid.

The stock market was very dull and fluctuation narrow in the two hours of business today. The sales for that period aggregated only 87,230 shares.

Under the lead of Chicago Gas there was a subsequent rally, the stock named advancing 1/4 per cent.

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